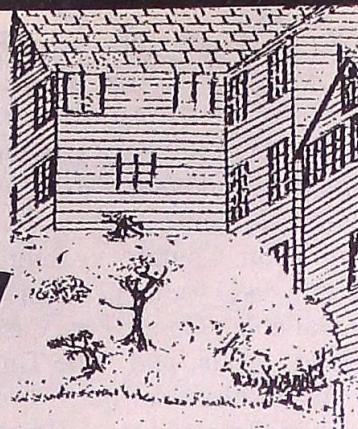


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## 2004 Township Budget Approved

BY MARGARET O'KELLEY

A special Township Board meeting was held on October 30th at the Township Hall to hold a public hearing and take action on the 2004 Township Budget.

There was no citizen participation in the public hearing portion so the meeting did not last very long. Several Board members made some specific or general comments but there were no major disagreements on the proposed budget.

Supervisor Mitchell said the budget was the smallest in three years with the 2004 budget reduced by 7%. He said he had asked each department to reduce their budget by 6% and said each department responded in a positive manner.

He said the budget did not

fund for an administrative assistant for his office and the police chief's office.

Trustee Carey said the Board needed to budget for another person to assist Karen Carney in the accounting department. Trustee Adkins and Krause spoke in support of this.

Clerk Bowers said the insurance costs went up \$31,000 due in part to the 9-11 incident in New York.

The 2004 Budget levied the following millage: General Operations .7941, Fire 2.0051, and Police 4.6324

Below is the letter Supervisor Mitchell wrote to introduce the 2004 budget. We also include the General Fund expenditures and revenues anticipated for the fiscal year 2004 commencing January 1 ending December 31, 2004.

### GENERAL FUND — EXPENDITURES

Township Board	51,000	Agency On Aging (senior Citizens)	53,000
Township Supervisor's Office	82,300	Recreation	22,000
Supervisor - Property Tax Administration	42,770	Library Contributions	18,800
Elections	54,200	Historical Commission	8,300
Other Accounting Activities -		Insurance & Bonds	53,900
Independent Audit	23,500	Transfer to Other Funds:	
Legal Fees - Township Attorney	23,500	Police Fund	47,000
Retirement Administration	4,000	Compensated Absences	-
Accounting Department	145,000	Retirement Benefits Fund	100,000
Budget Department	53,000		
Township Clerk's Office	126,000		
Clerk - General Office	96,500		
Board Of Review	6,300		
Township Treasurer's Office	224,000		
Treasurer - Property Tax Administration	84,600		
Data Processing/Computer Department	30,300		
Township Hall & Grounds	60,000		
Cemetery Maintenance	8,300		
Unallocated Expenses	34,800		
Communications System	253,000		
Building Department	450,000		
Ordinance Enforcement	70,300		
Planning & Zoning Director	38,900		
Planning Commission &			
Zoning Board Of Appeals	84,500		
Telecommunications Commission	22,000		
Animal Control	42,000		
Street Lighting	28,000		
Recycling	14,200		
Rubbish Collection	468,700		
Dust Control	9,400		
Drains	47,000		

### GENERAL FUND — REVENUES

Current Property Taxes	453,876
Trailer Fees	9,000
Cable Franchise Fees	103,000
Building Licenses & Permits	444,960
Animal Licenses And Fines	8,000
Federal & State Grants	17,196
State Revenue Sharing	1,071,600
Public Safety - E911	24,000
Planning & ZBA	47,000
Rubbish Collection Charges	504,700
LDFA Administration Fees	20,000
Water Department Administration Fees	140,000
Interest Income	45,713
Rental Fees	24,000
Miscellaneous Income	16,025
Operating Transfers In Fire Fund	
Admin. (Dispatch)	20,000
Operating Transfers In Bldg. Dept.	
(Bldg rent & admin)	32,000
Fund Balance Forward	-

TOTAL \$ 2,981,070

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## 2004 Budget Message From the Township Supervisor:

A major trend affecting local government financing in Michigan and in particular townships is the continued cuts to State Shared Revenue

Huron Township's budget budget was previously allowed to grow in anticipation of the 2000 census and the positive effect it would have on State Shared Revenue. State revenue sharing covers about 40% of the Township's operating budget. The 30% growth in the Township's population, and adjustments to the revenue sharing formula, should have allowed for a similar growth in dollars from state revenue shar-

ing amounting to about \$400,000 annually.

This revenue growth for the Township has been limited by the slowdown in the state's economy. At the beginning of the slowdown the state reduced appropriations for revenue sharing for 2001/2002 and followed in 2002/2003 with additional reductions. The state budget approved for 2003/2004 provides for an additional 3% reduction from the already reduced fiscal 2002/2003 levels.

The annual loss revenue for Huron Township in 2002 was about \$100,000 and another \$100,000 in fiscal year 2003. Revenue sharing for the Township is down \$200,000 annually from the 2002 level before the slowdown and the 2004 cuts could cost us another \$70,000 - \$100,000.

For planning purposes the auditors recommend that we budget no growth in State Shared Revenue payments and do not rule out future cuts. The five-year forecasts for the Township indicates that we will

deplete our fund balance in five years if these revenue sharing cuts continue.

Submitted herewith is the proposed 2004 Budget for Huron Charter Township. The recommended budget presented for consideration includes a 6% reduction in expenses for all departments except where contractual commitments prevent it. An additional 3% was picked up in revenues for a net reduction of 4% from the Total forecasted for 2004 in the October update of the five-year financial model.

These recommendations create a balanced budget that will not put additional drain on the Township's fund balance in 2004. It's recommended that each department of the Township take steps to tighten up spending and look for cuts wherever possible. Close monitoring of this situation is necessary and further action may be necessary after the Township's audit in February 2004.

John Mitchell  
Township Supervisor

## Huron Sportsmen's Club Donates to Fire and Police

Marv Krause who organized the first annual car show hosted by the Huron Sportsmens Association in New Boston presents a check for \$300.00 to Fire Chief Dave Russow. The First Annual Classic Car Show was hosted by the Huron Sportsmens Association during this years Applefest. On Saturday, October 4th, 2003 a classic car show was hosted by the Huron Sportsmens Association on their grounds located on Sterling Street in New Boston. Over 50 classic automobiles and trucks attended the inaugural event that is to become an annual event. Although the weather Friday night looked to put a damper on the event, Saturday dawned clear and cool that brought these beautiful vehicles out for the show.



Marv Krause, Chairman of the Huron Sportsmen's Auto Show; with Fire Chief Dave Russow.

Marv Krause, Chairman of the Auto Show, with the help of friends and relatives, coordinated the event gathering over 25 sponsors who provided awards and door prizes. Marv stated that "Local cooperation and support from our sponsors made the event a hit." "We are already planning for next year."

The fundraising event allowed Marv to present a check for \$300.00 to the Fire Department and the Police Department.

We are looking forward to next year's Applefest Car Show.

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# Community Calendar

## Monthly Meetings

Second Sunday of each month Open House at the Flat Rock Historical Museum from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monroe County Mothers of Multiples, P.O. Box 207, Carleton, MI, holds a Multiple Birth Support Group offering education, assistance and encouragement on the third Monday of each month at Mercy Memorial Hospital. For more information call Lisa Lothringer at (734) 654-9263.

Concerned Citizens Coalition (C3) meetings on first Thurs. of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Call 753-4838 for info.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meets second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. Child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation for mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. Call 734-753-0825.

The Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters will meet on May 1, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at Huron High School, Room 134. Call 654-3781 for info.

American Legion Post 337 meets 2nd and 4th Monday

8:00 p.m., 28614 Division St., Flat Rock.

Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club meets 7:00 p.m. at Casino's Pizza (formerly the Tin Pan) on Sumpter Rd.

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7:00 at the Country Meadows.

The Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Country Meadows.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Country Meadows.

Historical Society meets the third Thurs. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs. of each month at the Samuel Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Huron Township Historical will host an Open House

at the Samuel Adams Historical Museum (Downtown New Boston) the 4th Sunday of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Public is welcome.

The Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Twp. Hall. For information call 734-782-9784.

The VFW Post 6040 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wed. of each month at the American Legion Hall in New Boston.

Flat Rock Rotary meets every Wednesday at 12:00 noon at Fiorelli's Restaurant in Flat Rock.

Soroptimists International of Flat Rock meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Fiorelli's in Flat Rock

## Sons of the Desert

Sons of the Desert (Detroit area Laurel and Hardy Fan Club). They have been showing Laurel and Hardy movies for over 65 years. The meetings are scheduled for March 20, May 15, September 18 and November 20 and are held at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth, Livonia, MI. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and show time is at 8:00 p.m. Join them for an evening of laughs and entertainment..

## Senior Citizens

Huron Township Senior Citizens are now meeting at the newly renovated Emil A. Krzyske Senior Center on Mineral Springs in Waltz.

Meetings are first Tuesday of each month at noon. Helen Mates will be serving as President of the united groups.

The Senior Citizens van is available for doctor visits, shopping, etc. Please call Senior Director Pam at 654-9281. Check with the Senior Director for Trips scheduled one day to a week. Senior Director's hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Congregate Meals or Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal every day at 11:30 a.m. at the Center.

Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors. Bernice Hearn serves as Director of the Meals on Wheels Program. For information call 654-4549. Flat Rock residents welcome!

Quilting Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

Pinochle every Monday 12:30 p.m.

Commodities 4th Tuesday 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Bingo third and fifth Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner third Thursday at 4 p.m.

Massage Therapy 9:30 a.m. 1st Monday

Shopping at Meijer's every Thursday. Leave Senior Center at 12:30 p.m.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 1, 2003 - NOVEMBER 30, 2003

### OCTOBER:

2 Downtown Development Authority  
6 Recreation Committee  
6 City Council Meeting  
13 Zoning Board of Appeals  
17 Flu Shots (Conf. Rm. "A")  
Flat Rock Towers

7:00 PM

5:30 PM

7:30 PM

7:30 PM

9 AM - Noon

1PM-3PM

7:30 PM

7:00 PM

6:00 PM

6:00 PM

7:30 PM

## Eric Neisen Will Attend Wake Forest University

The Huron High School Athletic Department would like to announce that Eric Niesen has committed to play baseball at Wake Forest University. Wake Forest University is a NCAA Division I institution located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and plays in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The A.C.C. is highly regarded as the best base-

ball conference in the country. Eric chose Wake Forest over Michigan State, Notre Dame, Arkansas State and Coastal Carolina.

"Eric is an exceptional young man whose development as a pitcher and a student has led to his many opportunities. We look forward to following Eric in his collegiate career and beyond," commented Athletic Director Rick Dorn.

## SADD Spaghetti Dinner

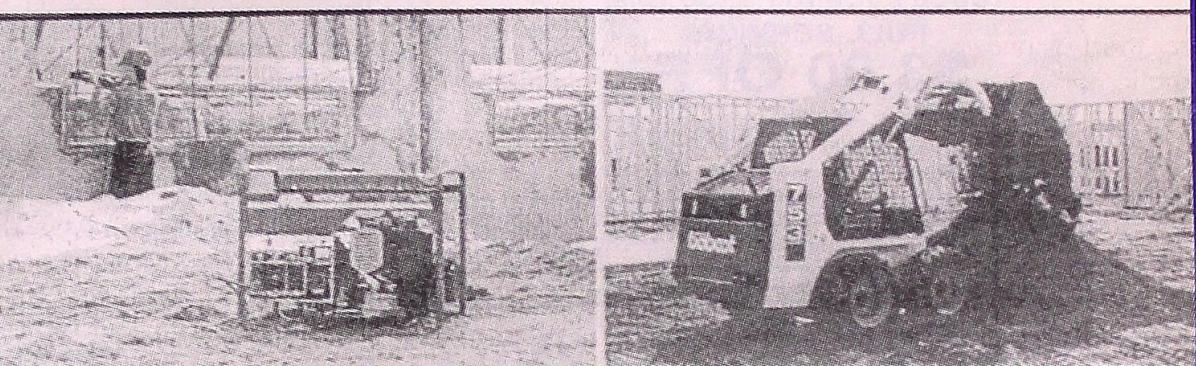
Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) will be having a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, December 17 in the Airport High School cafeteria. The dinner is in memory of Kelly Loving, Kelly Balough, Airport Softball

Alumni and will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Prices are adults \$5; seniors and children 10 and under \$3; and children age 5 and under are free. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Tickets are available at the door.

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# Flat Rock City Council Reviews Sidewalk & Street Improvements, Gets Update on SHUVA

BY SALLY A. CARTER

Dennis Mowbray, city clerk, reported that he had gone to Battle Creek the previous week for passport training. He said that soon residents would be able to apply for passports at the Flat Rock city clerk's office.

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## Flat Rock Public Library *What's Booked*

### November 2003

**Nov. 13 — Thursday**

Intro. To Computers class	10:00 am	Nov. 20 — Thursday	10:15 am
Mother Goose Storytime	10:15 am	Pre-School Storytime	11:00 am
Pre-School Storytime	11:00 am	Stories & More	4:00 pm
Stories & More	4:00 pm		
Digital Camera Class	7:00 pm		

**Nov. 17 — Monday**

Tot Music	10:00 am	Tot Music	10:00 am
Knitter	1:30 pm	Knitters	1:30 pm
Tie Dye	4:00 pm		

**Nov. 18 — Tuesday**

Introduction To Excel	7:00 pm	Nov. 26 — Wednesday	10:15 am
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**Nov. 19 — Wednesday**

Toddler Storytime	10:15 am	Toddler Storytime	11:00 am
Pre-School Storytime	11:00 am	Pre-School Storytime	11:00 am
Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	Keyboarding Skills	3:00 pm

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John Russ, Building and Safety Director, reported that the sidewalk program started Thursday, October 16, 2003. He said residents should call his office if there were any complaints. Some residents have been upset by the need to close their driveways. Mr. Russ said the contractor needs 10 days for the pavement to dry after it is laid.

He said there were three ways for residents to pay for their sidewalks. After they are billed residents can pay the bill in full, arrange for payments over three years or have it added to their taxes. Residents will be charged \$10.00 for permits to do the work. However, residents won't need to apply for the permits.

Bruce Hammond, DPS Director, reported that the hazardous waste collection on October 18th had gone well. This was the first collection involving other communities. Hammond said there were 137 cars from Flat Rock, 16 cars from Brownstown, 6 cars from Rockwood and 19 cars from Gibraltar, for a total of 173 cars. Hammond said, "All the citizens from the other communities seemed fairly pleased with our setup, so we are going to do it again next year." He added that next year they were looking at expanding and accepting e-waste such as computers, fax machines and keyboards.

Mr. Hammond also told the council that the repaving of Mill Street and Tamarack Court were substantially complete.

Mr. Hammond updated the council on the state of the new recreation center. He said that they had begun erecting the steel beams on that day. The masons will be starting brickwork for the walls by the beginning of next week.

Councilman James Martin asked about the progress on East Huron River Drive. He noted the patching seems to be completed and wondered about the timetable for completing the full resurfacing. Hammond said there was no timetable but it should be completed soon. Mayor Jones asked what the plans called for. Hammond replied it was to be completed by the middle of November. Jones commented they didn't have very much time left. Martin asked when the plan was to resurface Gibraltar. Hammond replied, "They're not going to do that until next year. We don't want both (Huron River Drive and Gibraltar Road) torn up at the same time."

Councilman David Karoly was pleased to note the presence of so many Flat Rock High School students in the audience. He reminded those who were eighteen to register to vote, so they could vote in the November election. He also wished all of the candidates good luck.

The mayor had more information about the sewer situation with the South Huron Valley Utility Authorization (SHUVA). He said that Flat Rock had won over \$350,000.00 so far in their lawsuit against SHUVA. They have one item pending, a questionable bond payment of \$55,000.00 from November of 1998. SHUVA maintains that Flat Rock did not pay the money due, so they withheld this amount, the look back adjustment in the past.

Jones said, "What happened was that 32 days prior to the payment of the bond issue due on November 6, 2003 there was another bond issue sold and that money was put into an escrow account to pay off the old Wayne County bonds. That money was to pay the bond payment due November 1, 1998. We didn't have money due but the rest of the communities paid anyway." Jones said Wayne County later gave Flat Rock a credit memo because no payment was due.

Although Wayne County was to repay the other communities money, they didn't actually do it. Jones said, "All of the arguments of SHUVA have been proven wrong, so they won't pay us the money. They feel that they made a mistake and lost the money, so we ought to do the same thing." Jones had a memo showing a cash transfer from Wayne County for \$87,000.00 from the debt service to the cash fund. He said, "After this lawsuit, which has lasted for five years, we're going to get our money back and so are the other communities who didn't know the money was due."

Jones went on to discuss a memo with a new cost allocation based on lowered bids. Van Buren's share was lowered from \$757,000.00 to \$657,000.00 when the cost was lowered to \$15 million. He said this was not right because Van Buren was paying a flat fee, which was not based on the cost allocation, so it should not have been lowered. The actual bond issue will be \$9,284,000.00 because Van Buren and Huron are paying cash for their share.

Jones then referred council members to an e-mail from Keri Blanchett of Stauder

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## CONCERNED CITIZENS COALITION

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If interested, call Jane at (734) 782-2938 or Yvonne at (734) 753-4410 or Margaret at (734) 753-4416.

or

Come join us at our regular meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Hall in Downtown New Boston.

# Halloween Costumes at the 34th District Court Draw Rave Reviews

Capping off a theme week of "school days," "dress up day," and "pajama day," visitors to the 34th district court on Halloween witnessed court employees embracing the spirit of the day by donning costumes to mark the occasion. A wide variety of artistic and creative costumes were displayed by twenty one court employees. The costumes brought smiles followed by ooh's and aah's from those on hand at the court.

Judge Brian A. Oakley was a dashing Zorro complete with a cape and sword. Judge Oakley's court recorder, Paula Moore, turned heads with a startling reminder of what scissors can do if you run with them. Her t-shirt simply stated, "runs with scissors" and a huge

pair of scissors with a front and back impaled her body.

Court Administrator and mom-to-be Johanna O'Grady-Ward was resplendent as Snow White.

Taking top honors for the third year in a row, Melinda Shearrer, a deputy clerk in the probation department came dressed as an "Oompa Loompa," a character from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." Capturing second place honors was cashier Bonnie Shahan who captured the concept of eerie as a grey-haired zombie.

Ribbons were presented for first and second place honors and certificates of appreciation were given to everyone who participated in the costume contest.

Staff members who dressed for the occasion included: Criminal/Traffic Supervisors JoAnn Brown as a zombie and Dawn Springer as a clown.

Peggy Zachary dressed as a motorcycle biker with a flaming red wig. Criminal Traffic Deputy clerks included: Yahmi Nundley, as a nifty fifty gal with a ponytail and poodle skirt, Kim Martin came as a deviled egg and co-workers Karen Genz and Kim Carr came as mustard and ketchup bottles, Virginia Randolph as a fairy wood nymph, Mindy Suchy as a renaissance queen, telephone operator, Harry Rohn as Julius Caesar, Sharron Russell as movie character Beetlejuice, Carol Greca as a NASCAR driver, Melissa

Chapp as Spiderwoman and Mike Lamerato as a Cereal Killer.

Civil Department clerk Jackie Peagler was so realistic as an old man not even staff members recognized her.

Court financial director Sandy Crout came dressed as a little girl. Steve Williams, juvenile probation officer, came as a Grim Reaper, while Court Officer Bruce Preston came as a convict.

The day marked a festive note to the serious business

conducted at the court, but the efforts seemed appreciated by the many smiles from court visitors.

Costume creations were judged by the staff and ballots counted by Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green and Judge David M. Parrott.

Staff members Oneita Davis, Paula Moore, Sharron Russell, Bonnie Shahan and Peggy Zachrey brought in Halloween goodies of cookies, cupcakes and candy for everyone to enjoy.



34th District Court staff members get into the Halloween spirit. Shown L-R seated on the floor, Yahmi Nundley, Bonnie Shahan, second place winner, Sharron Russell. Second Row L-R Judge Brian A. Oakley, Dawn Springer, criminal/traffic supervisor, Melinda Shearrer, first place winner, Melissa Chapp and Carol Greca. Third Row L-R Virginia Randolph, Peggy Zachrey, Mindy Suchy, Michael Lamerato, Jackie Peagler, Kim Martin, Karen Genz, Kim Carr, Johanna O'Grady-Ward, court administrator, JoAnn Brown, criminal/traffic supervisor and Jerry Rohn.

## Kiwanis Club to Sell Christmas Trees Again to Raise Funds for Charity

The Kiwanis Club of Flat Rock will once again be selling Christmas trees to raise money for community projects. The location of the sale will be on Telegraph Road in Flat Rock, just north of Huron River Drive (in front of St. Vincent DePaul).

The tree lot will be open for business starting Saturday, November 29, 2003. They will also be carrying fresh Holiday Wreaths which make wonderful gifts. All of the proceeds from the trees and wreaths go directly back

into the community. Anyone interested in volunteering to help out please call 734-276-

1759 for more information. It's time to put real trees back in Christmas.

### LIBRARY CALENDAR

South Rockwood Branch Library, 12776 Fort St., South Rockwood, (734) 379-3333

**Monday, November 17 - 10:00 a.m.** Preschool Storytime

Carleton Branch Library, 1444 Kent St., Carleton, (734) 654-2180

**Monday, November 17 - 7:00 p.m.** - North County Book Club - Future Homemakers of America by Laurie Graham will be discussed. All readers always welcome.

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## The Weekly

### Your Cosmic Look For The Week Of November 13 - 19th

For entertainment only!

#### Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

You will cater and nurture a relationship. Once you've found your mate, look to self for long-awaited answer. 16, 25, 14, 9, 6

#### Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

Change of pace brings on a new abundance. A great task of adventure in close future.

35, 27, 43, 52, 1

#### Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

You may be bounced over others in time for a promotion. Others look to you for answers to questions. Loyalty to truth is advised.

47, 58, 69, 37, 26

#### Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Fortunate changes in environment will have an effect on others as well. Blessings come in abundance. Count yours, find it hard to keep track. 18, 21, 22, 16, 8

#### Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Unexpected loved ones appear. Be prepared for an overwhelming adventure. Little ones make your life happy and full.

48, 32, 36, 19, 17

#### Aries Mar 21 - April 20

Ambition came from far outlook. Be grateful for unexpected gifts. Happiness comes from within. Another love gives you reasoning. 5, 7, 9, 11, 13

#### Taurus April 21 - May 21

Your generosity is well appreciated by others. You are to be of luck for this week. Look in unexpected place for object that's lost. Direction found in some place near. 20, 31, 29, 23

#### Gemini May 22 - June 21

The gifted one will be granted all that is wanted. Keep loyal to first commitment. If needed look next to yo for love is giving generosity.

3, 7, 19, 15, 12

#### Cancer June 22 - July 23

Expect to have new arrival in daily chores. Love will be enough for all surround. Keep loved ones in heart and hand. 1, 19, 4, 23, 14

#### Leo July 24 - Aug 23

Attend a party where love will find you. You hold valuable lesson in the subconscious mind, go with first instinct, the edge is steep.

23, 15, 17, 24, 31

## Horoscopes



William Grover

#### Virgo Aug 24 - Sept 23

Leaps and bounds seem endless, you will prevail. Winter months keep up activities in schedule. Spend time with family while enjoying outdoors.

2, 8, 12, 13, 16

#### Libra Sept 24 - Oct 23

Unexpected visit brings on new task. People in awe of actions remember you are not only one to be affected.

8, 17, 23, 20, 31

## Al Fresco



Georgette Heron-Willoughby

### Green Bean and Almond Casserole

This week the target is the Green Bean Casserole. The updated version has a few more ingredients than the traditional one but it has a lot more to offer. Put this one up against Aunt Eleanor's version at the holiday table and just see who wins the tastebud award this year.

#### Green Bean and Almond

#### Casserole

2 cans cut green beans - drained

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 cup skim milk or whichever you prefer

2 Tbs. butter - cut into bits

1/4 cup onion - finely chopped

In a 2 ltr. - 2.5 ltr. covered casserole, combine green beans, onion and butter. In a separate bowl, mix together soup, milk, worcestershire, beau monde, parsley, salt and pepper. Pour mixture over green beans. Cover

2 Tbs. Worcestershire

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# Flat Rock City Council

(Continued from page 4)

Bach to the office of William Debiasi. The e-mail indicated that there was no Federal money available for the first quarter to fund the bond issue and get the low interest loan.

Jones said, "If we would have adopted that resolution (at the October 6th meeting) for financing and bidding of contracts and the Federal funds didn't come through to the State of Michigan, we would have been increasing our water and sewer rates probably five times to accumulate the 2.4 million to pay for our share of the construction. What Debiasi and Trun Maatch did was to put our community in jeopardy. Keep in mind, Brownstown and Van Buren were not put in jeopardy because they were going to pay cash anyway."

Jones said Flat Rock would have been committed to 2.4 million in bonds for construction and not known whether or not they had the financing. He said, "And so that's the kind of information they supply to you. Trust me, this memo from Keri Blanchett to Debiasi was a mistake for us to get our hands on. I don't think they ever wanted us to know that." Jones pointed out that the e-mail was dated October 2, 2003, which was four days before the council meeting where Flat Rock was asked to approve the resolution.

Jones went on to say, "You can't trust anybody at this South Huron Valley. I've been so frustrated with it late-

ly, I probably would not bring any recommendation to the council unless it included firing both attorneys, that being Trun, Maatch and Debiasi because they are not acting in the best interests of all communities. Their proposals and resolutions put this city in jeopardy if we had accepted a contract without having financing for it."

The city council had received four bids for the East-West non-motorized pathway. DeAngelis Landscape, Inc. was the lowest bid at \$1,464,492.60. Wayne County will be paying \$375,000.00 of that. Flat Rock's share will be \$175,000.00 more than anticipated. Mayor Jones said he had spoken to Rockwood and Gibraltar about helping with the cost. He believes that Rockwood will help with about \$50,000.00.

Jones explained that the extra cost was due to the fact the pathway goes over a lot of wetlands as it comes over the expressway. This will require wooden walkways of about 625 linear feet about two feet over the ground over the wetland area. This adds to the expense.

Councilman Karoly asked if there was any additional money from the Greenways project. Jones told the council that Wayne County still owes Flat Rock money which has not been budgeted because he was not sure when they would get it. It should be around \$100,000.00 or \$180,000.00. That money will be used to help defray the added cost.

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gallons of raw sewage right into the lake."

The council was asked to approve a bill for \$3,779.00 for the Brown Street water main contractor. Councilman Gagne objected because the bill has been changed and no one official had signed off. The mayor pointed out that it had been reduced by \$20,000.00. DPS Director Hammond explained that the city engineer had changed the figures based on the actual quantities they do inspections on.

The council approved a request from the Flat Rock

Kiwanis for their annual Christmas tree sale, to be conducted from November 11th through December 23rd, 2004.

Finally, the council approved a resolution from the Tax Increment Finance Authority for bond issuance. The Mayor said, "Miller Canfield won't give us a clean opinion on if it can be tax free." He said it would cost an extra \$800,000.00 over the course of the bond issue otherwise. He said he had turned over the matter to the tax department at Ford Motor Co. to iron out with Miller Canfield.

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